

a letter with false assumptions to get a false result. In the real world that is called garbage in, garbage out.

Now to the gentlewoman and the rest of my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, we do not propose to put wheels on anyone's grandma and take away their Social Security. Now that has been, sadly, standard operating procedure when the free spenders were in charge of this institution; but on the contrary, Mr. Speaker, what we propose is a 1 percent solution.

Observe, Mr. Speaker, one penny, one cent, made, no doubt, with fine Arizona copper in part, and what we propose, Mr. Speaker, is to take one penny out of every dollar of discretionary spending. That way we balance the books; that way we preserve the Social Security Trust Fund.

No, we do not want to see grandma sold down the river or any American. We will stop the raid. We have done so, and we dare not turn back now. Responsibility, credibility, and the future is the key to success, and we will do it.

FAILED POLICY IN AFRICA

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, America is supposed to be a force for good in the world, but with our failed policy in Africa I am beginning to wonder if that is really so. How can a mother allow the world's children to be offered up as the most innocent victims of U.S. foreign policy?

Madeline Albright's first stop in Africa was a stark example of our continued failure on that continent. It was U.S. policy to do nothing to help the fledgling democracy of Sierra Leone. Only after that policy became a shameful embarrassment, the U.S. brokered the peace that gave important ministries in government to rebels whose hallmark was to rape little girls and chop off their arms.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, a share in government for rapists and mutilators is in Albright's own words the necessary price of peace, just like 5,000 dead kids a month in Iraq. After standing in line to shake hands with the victims of her do - nothing - to - help - when - a - little - help - can - make - a - difference policy, Albright remarked, "It's hard to extend your hand to shake hands with people who don't have hands."

Mr. Speaker, the President has allowed his Africa policy to become insensitive, uncaring, and shameful.

RENAMING FEDERAL BUILDINGS

(Mr. TANCREDO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, in the short time I have been here, I have wit-

nessed several things and heard many statements that I can only characterize or that can only be characterized as at least audacious; but nothing to date has been more audacious than the recent attempt to name buildings after present Members of Congress. If this trend continues, Mr. Speaker, we may find ourselves debating issues such as this in this great building but having it renamed after one of our more powerful Members. So I ask my colleagues in both the House and Senate to take a step back, take a deep breath and ask themselves the honest question of whether they truly feel they are deserving of the honor of having their names forever etched on the side of Federal property.

I feel that the opportunity to impact the lives of our constituents every day is honor enough for one's entire life, and I will today introduce legislation to end attempts to immortalize one's self while serving in this body.

SOCIAL SECURITY IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

(Mr. RODRIGUEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I firmly believe in Social Security; and when we look at it, when we look at the legislation, we got to make sure we address the needs of those senior citizens that we have in this country. We also need to make sure that we address the baby boomers as they come up in this.

And as we also look at that piece of legislation, as we look at what we are doing out here, we need to also make sure that we take care of the "baby echo," those youngsters that are beginning to pay Social Security and those youngsters are beginning to work out there. It is important for us to do that.

As we also look at what Social Security has done in this country, a lot of Americans out there who work saw that they have. My dad worked for over 35 years in a company, and after all was said and done, the only thing he had was Social Security. Social Security, there are 12 million senior citizens who only receive that, and that is what keeps them out of poverty. There are over 800,000 youngsters that also fall under the Social Security that are also taken care of. Many Americans, especially women and minorities, do not have the jobs that provide the retirement and disability benefits. For them Social Security is the only thing they have. So it is important for us to stop playing games and to make sure we take care of Social Security.

PASS THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

(Mr. ROYCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, this week the Senate is considering a bill that we passed out of this House in July. It is called the Africa growth and opportunity act, and this act says that the United States is not giving up on Africa, that there is a real need, a real opportunity, to bring Africa into the world economy. The Africa bill is an important step in promoting Africa's development, and it is good for America too to open these markets in Africa, to open these export markets for the United States.

Trade between the U.S. and sub-Saharan Africa has been growing for the last several years. We now have 100,000 U.S. jobs involved in exports to Africa at this time, and this bill is also good for my home State of California which is number five in exporting to Africa. We now take more of our oil from Africa than we do from the Persian Gulf, and this Africa bill is the most important trade legislation to pass this House in 5 years. It would be a major accomplishment if signed into law.

Mr. Speaker, let us export the free market to Africa. It is a win for Africa and a win for America.

SAVING SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am following my colleague from Arizona on a regular basis here on our 1-minutes. Let me give some statistics that we are talking about when we are really talking about saving Social Security: the amount of the Social Security surplus the House Republicans have already dipped into, \$14 billion; the amount of Social Security surplus House Republicans are on track to spend, \$24 billion; amount by which the House Republican appropriations exceed the President's request, \$14 billion; the Republican leader who said he never would have created Social Security, the majority leader, my colleague from Texas (Mr. ARMEY); number of days the GOP budget tax plan would extend the life of Social Security, zero; the number of years House Democratic budget would extend Social Security, 16 years; total cost of the tax breaks that, thank goodness, the President vetoed was a trillion dollars, and that would have even been worse on Social Security.

Let me tell my colleagues what we need to do. We need to add more teachers to our classroom, more police officers to our streets and the number of military personnel who would be cut by the Republican-proposed 1.4 percent budget would be 39,000 military personnel.